

REMARKS

First, the Applicant would like the Examiner to now officially enter in the case the Amendment filed by the Applicant on June 9, 2003.

Secondly, the Applicant wishes to return the term "immunomodulatory" to the claims in place of "immunodulatory". This has been done by this Preliminary Amendment.

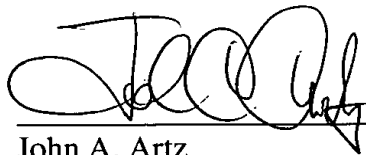
Thirdly, as to the propriety of the inclusion of "immunomodulatory" in the claims, the Examiner is referred to Page 11 of the June 9, 2003 Amendment and Exhibit P.

Fourth, as to the Examiner's rejections and objections to the claims in the final Office Action (dated February 7, 2003), the Examiner is referred to the Remarks and Exhibits submitted by the Applicant's June 9th Amendment.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all of the claims remaining in the case, namely claims 17-28, are in proper form and patentably distinguish from the prior art. Additionally, it is believed that the subject matter of all of the claims is patentable under the standards of 35 U.S.C. §112 for the reasons as stated above.

Accordingly, allowance of the claims and passage of the application to issuance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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